



Lesson 45 (1 Samuel 19:8-24): Escape in the night

Read John 15:18-25. Who will believers be hated by?

Read verse 20 again. Now read it again. (Seriously, do it.) Ask yourself: Are you greater than Jesus?

Do you expect better treatment, when you are obeying Him fully, than He received? (Be honest here: no one is going to grade this, but think about it.) Do you expect to be praised by the world when you tell them God's truth?

Read Romans 6:20-23. Because we all sin, what do we all deserve?

What have we earned?

Read John 15:1-17. What can we do apart from Christ?

All the things we do apart from Christ, even the "good" things, what will be done with those things? (verse 6) What command does Jesus give us here?

Can we even list on our accomplishments that we chose Jesus, according to these verses?

Why did *He* choose *us*?

Read 1 Peter 4:1-11. Describe those who live according to the desires of our flesh?

What, as Christ followers, are to do "above all" for our brothers and sisters in Christ?

Read Galatians 2:15-20. How are we not able to justify (or make ourselves presentable) ourselves to God?

What does it mean to have been crucified with Christ? What does it mean to live our life, in our bodies, to Him?

Read Romans 8:1-11. If you live according to the flesh, what is your mind on?

Give examples of what that might look like today. If you are of the Spirit, instead, who do you belong to?

Why is that encouraging?

Today, as you spend time with God, really consider whether you expect better treatment than your Lord received. Are you striving to please man rather than God? As you come to God today, thank Him for His infinite grace that He extended to you, knowing you, from your heart out, and still loving and choosing you to be is. Ask Him how He wants you to show that gratitude in your life today, and trade that attitude of “I deserve” for the attitude of gratitude for your Savior.